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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1089

Introduced by Assembly Member Umberg

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 51229 to the Education Code, relating to career technical programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1089, as amended, Umberg. Career technical programs.

Existing law establishes various programs for vocational and career technical education in the public schools.

This bill would require school districts to adopt specified criteria and to certify that career technical education programs within the district meet at least one of these criteria, thereby creating a state-mandated local program. The bill would withhold specified funding to a school district that does not comply with these provisions.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

~~Existing law requires the State Department of Education and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to submit an annual report to the Legislature containing certain information on career technical education and technical training programs.~~

~~This bill would require the State Department of Education to report to the Legislature by an unspecified date on the effectiveness of career technical programs, as specified.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. The State Department of Education shall submit a report not later than _____ to the Legislature on the effectiveness of career technical programs in integrating career-related and academic learning, increasing the achievement of pupils, and preparing pupils for the transition to work or further education.~~

SECTION 1. Section 51229 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51229. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) As the economy has changed from a post-World War II industrial-based economy to the modern high technology and knowledge-based economy, there is a corresponding and critical need for pupils to acquire the academic and career skills necessary for success.

(2) As the number and diversity of California's pupils continues to grow, there is an increasing need to provide educational programs that allow pupils to prepare for high-skill, high-wage careers and postsecondary education.

(3) In order for pupils to be prepared for entry and success in postsecondary education, advanced training, or employment, it is necessary for pupils to have access to high quality rigorous career technical education programs and courses.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that all of the following occur:

(1) A school district that offers career technical education programs shall ensure that secondary pupils are offered career technical education courses that meet high measures of quality.

(2) Schools shall offer career technical education programs and courses that meet criteria adopted by the governing board of the school district, that are designed to foster high pupil outcomes and the accountability of career technical education courses and programs.

1 (3) Career technical education courses and programs shall
2 conform to the career technical education curriculum standards
3 adopted by the State Board of Education.

4 (4) These courses and programs shall offer a curriculum and
5 related instruction that prepares pupils for high school
6 graduation, entry into postsecondary education, and for
7 high-skilled and high-wage careers.

8 (5) These courses and programs shall be directly linked to,
9 and supported by business and industry at both the state and
10 local levels.

11 (6) When feasible, career technical education courses shall
12 provide pupils with portable business and industry certifications
13 and licenses.

14 (7) Schools offering these courses or programs shall actively
15 make them available to pupils and shall recruit and enroll pupils
16 that reflect the economic and demographic characteristics of
17 pupils within the school district.

18 (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
19 following meanings:

20 (1) "Career technical education course" means a one-year
21 curriculum of study offered to pupils attending grades 7 to 12,
22 inclusive, that primarily delivers occupational technical skill
23 instruction designed to prepare pupils for a career or advanced
24 entry into postsecondary education or training.

25 (2) "Career technical education program" means a sequence
26 of two or more single period career technical education courses
27 offered to pupils attending grades 7 to 12, inclusive, in which a
28 pupil may enroll to concentrate on a single career or sector of an
29 industry, which may include academic courses in addition to the
30 career technical education courses included within a course
31 sequence.

32 (d) A school district offering career technical education
33 courses shall adopt quality criteria designed to promote high
34 pupil outcomes and accountability of career technical education
35 courses and programs, and to support the academic and
36 technical achievement of pupils. These criteria shall include, but
37 are not limited to, at least one or more of the following:

38 (1) The career technical education course or program is
39 aligned to the model curriculum standards developed pursuant to
40 Section 51226.

1 (2) *The career technical education course or program is*
2 *qualified for academic credit towards earning a high school*
3 *diploma.*

4 (3) *The career technical education course or program is in*
5 *preparation for a state license or industry certification.*

6 (4) *The career technical education course or program*
7 *operates a nationally chartered career technical pupils*
8 *organization that promotes academic and technical achievement*
9 *and leadership development.*

10 (5) *The career technical education course or program is*
11 *articulated through a formalized agreement with one or more*
12 *community college districts, campuses of the California State*
13 *University, or campuses of the University of California.*

14 (6) *The career technical education course or program is*
15 *approved by the University of California.*

16 (e) *A school shall prepare and retain a written description of*
17 *the manner in which additional criteria adopted pursuant to*
18 *subdivision (d) is designed to promote pupil outcomes and the*
19 *accountability of career technical education courses and*
20 *programs.*

21 (f) (1) *As a condition of receiving annual apportionments, a*
22 *school district shall annually certify that all career technical*
23 *education courses or programs offered within the district meet at*
24 *least one of the criteria adopted pursuant to subdivision (d).*

25 (2) *If a school district does not make the certification required*
26 *in paragraph (1), the Superintendent shall withhold*
27 *apportionments from the state school fund that represent the*
28 *average daily attendance of career technical education courses*
29 *or programs in the school district, until the governing board of*
30 *the school district makes the certification required in paragraph*
31 *(1).*

32 (g) *The department shall develop and conduct a review, as a*
33 *component of the coordinated compliance review process, to*
34 *ensure that career technical courses and programs offered by a*
35 *school district meet the criteria adopted pursuant to subdivision*
36 *(d). The Superintendent may also conduct additional reviews of*
37 *schools that qualify for the High Priority Schools Grant Program*
38 *pursuant to Section 52055.605 to assess the sufficiency of career*
39 *technical education programs and to make recommendations for*
40 *adopting criteria, courses, and programs that will lead to*

1 *increased pupil achievement and access to postsecondary*
2 *education.*

3 *SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
4 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
5 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
6 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
7 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

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